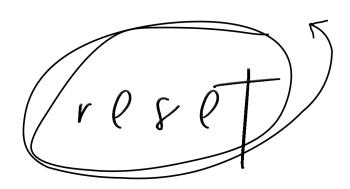
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Living It Out



Fortnight starting Sunday 23 August

This message and 'Living It Out' explores how discipleship is the vision of living in the presence of God. We seek to clarify what discipleship looks like and how it's the ultimate gift (that Haggai and God's people longed for!)

READ

- Transcript of Scott's message
 - Click here to download the PDF
 - Click here to watch the sermon on YouTube [available from Monday 24 August]
 - Click here to listen to the Podcast [available from Monday 24 August]
- Haggai 2:1-9
- John 15:1-27

REFLECT

Over the past fortnight you had time to consider perhaps one of the most important questions with regard to a life with Jesus: Is Jesus an addition to your life, a spoke in the wheel? Or is Jesus the center, the hub, informing and directing every other part of your life?

Over this next fortnight we will explore just what it means to be a disciple and how life looks different as a result.

DISCIPLESHIP IS YOUR LIFE BEING RENEWED
WITH JESUS,
FOR JESUS,
AND THROUGH JESUS.

DAY 1 & 2: INTENTIONAL - Following Jesus is an active, deliberate choice, every day.

Question: How do you see your discipleship at the moment? Is it central to all of your life, or is it just one part of your life?

Activity: Reflect on your day (e.g. conversations you had, situations at work / school, thoughts that went through your mind) and ask God, "What were you doing when ___ was taking place? What were you saying to me about ___ but I missed it in the moment?" Write down what the Lord might be saying. How might this inform your day tomorrow?

DAY 3 & 4: HOLISTIC – Following Jesus influences and informs every part of our life, throughout our whole life.

Question: Which areas of your life you already intentionally invite Jesus into (e.g. family life, social life, work life, thought life)? Which areas are you not inviting Jesus into, and why might that be the case?

Activity: Draw a bicycle wheel with Jesus as the hub and label the spokes as all the different areas of your life. Ask Jesus to give you insight into which spokes are or are not currently connected to the hub of Jesus. Which ones are being informed by your relationship with Jesus, and which ones are not?

<u>DAY 5 & 6: COMMUNAL</u> - Following Jesus is personal, but not individual. We are disciples together in community.

Question: Who are you able to be vulnerable with and accountable to, in all areas of your life?

Activity: Read Romans 12:10, Romans 15:14, Colossians 3:16 and James 5:16. Write down 2 or 3 people in your life who come to mind who you could trust to do these things with.

DAY 7 & 8: SELFLESS - As a disciple of Jesus I am blessed, but it's not about me. Being a disciple is a life of serving and sacrifice.

Question: Who are you sacrificing for or serving?

Activity: Ask God, "Who do I need to serve that I'm resisting serving?" Write down what the Lord might be saying.

DAY 9 & 10: MISSIONAL – As a disciple of Jesus, I have an ache to reveal Jesus and for the world to be in relationship with Jesus.

Question: Jesus ached for people who were outside of God's kingdom. Do you have an 'ache' for those people who don't yet know Jesus? If not, consider why this might be the case?

Activity: Make a list of people in your life – people you already interact with – who don't yet know Jesus (e.g. work colleagues, school friends, neighbours, shop keepers, weekend sporting club friends, etc). Start praying for them and look for practical ways to bless them, intentionally showing them the love of Jesus (e.g. looking them in the eyes as you pass by, taking time to chat longer than usual, cooking them a meal)

DAY 11 - 14:

Reflect back on the fortnight and think about what has stood out to you. Write down what the Lord may be saying.

PRAY

Resetting takes intentionality, and it also takes time to become a natural daily rhythm.

Set aside some times each day (for example, 1 in the morning, 1 in the middle of the day and 1 before you go to bed) to practice the <u>Breath Prayer</u>. After a week, reflect on what difference the practice has made. <u>Use our prayer document as a guide</u>.

APPLY

If you are in a Small Group, think about a question or area that challenged / encouraged you and what you plan to do then share it next time your group meets. If you aren't in a Small Group, share this with one or two people who can keep you on track.